

Remarks

In the above-referenced claim amendments, claims 1 and 6 have been amended and new claims 43-48 have been added. Claims 1 and 6 have been amended to correct typographical errors. New independent claim 43 specifies a method executed by a distribution device of transmitting a set of parameters associated with a network segment to a centralized server that is upstream from the distribution device. The method includes receiving, at the distribution device, a set of parameters representing the transmission characteristics of the network segment and transmitting the set of parameters to the centralized server. Support for this amendment may be found in Figure 3 and on page 15, lines 11-21 in the Specification. New dependent claims 44-48 correspond to subject matter claimed in pending dependent claims 6-12. No new matter has been added.

Conclusion

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding this preliminary amendment, the Examiner is invited to call the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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